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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP AUGUST 5 - 12

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1. MISSION WELCOMES INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REFTEL.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIPT OF CABLE OUTLINING SPECIFIC
REQUIREMENTS. IN THE MEANTIME FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
PROVIDED TO HIGHLIGHT AREAS OF CONCERN WHICH SHOULD BE
GIVEN EARLY CONSIDERATION.

2. HOUSING - WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES WE CAN HOUSE
UP TO 35 PERSONS (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITHOUT REDUCING
SFM STAFFING. IN ORDER TO HOUSE SECRETARY'S ENTIRE
PARTY NIGHT OF AUGUST 11, EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI DELEGATES
HOUSED AT SFM EARLIER IN SESSION WOULD HAVE TO DEPART
AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 11 TO PERMIT ALL RESOURCES TO BE
DEDICATED TO HOUSING SECRETARY'S PARTY. DEPARTMENT
SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BOTH ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS HAVE
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SURVEILLANCE SITES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SINAI FIELD
MISSION. RECOMMEND THAT TO EXTENT FEASIBLE, EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI
SUPPORT PERSONNEL WHO CANNOT ACCOMPANY SENIOR DELEGATES
BACK AND FORTH EACH DAY BE HOUSED AT THESE SURVEILLANCE
SITES DURING CONFERENCE.

3. FOOD - WHILE MENUS FOR LUNCHEES AND DINNERS AUGUST

9 - 11 WILL BE PLANNED WITH AN EYE TO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS,
WE DO NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO ESTABLISH A KOSHER KITCHEN.

4. PRESS - SFM IS A TIGHTLY CONTAINED FACILITY AND ARRANGEMENTS
FOR PRESS COVERAGE COULD PRESENT PROBLEMS. SFM'S
THEATRE CAN BE CONVERTED INTO A PRESS CENTER BUT IT IS
LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO
CAFETERIA AND OTHER COMMON AREAS AVAILABLE TO OFFICIAL
VISITORS. PRESUMABLY TELEX FACILITIES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE
BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT PROVIDED BY SFM.
OUR CONCERN WOULD BE INABILITY TO INSURE SEGREGATION OF
THE PRESS WHICH WE RAISE AT THIS POINT SO THAT EARLIEST
CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN THIS ASPECT OF ARRANGEMENTS.
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